

# Resolution



ORDER NO: 2020-0155

DATE: February 18, 2020

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, Each year we observe the month of February as American Heart Month, with the knowledge that according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. Heart disease cost the United States about \$219 billion in 2015. This includes the cost of health care services, medicines, and lost productivity due to death; and


**WHEREAS**, One person dies every 37 seconds in the United States from cardiovascular disease. This means about 647,000 Americans die from heart disease each year—that's 1 in every 4 deaths. Heart Disease is the leading cause of death for people of most racial and ethnic groups in the United States. According to the CDC, the percentages of all deaths caused by heart disease in 2015 are 18.3% of American Indian/Alaska Natives, 21.4% of Asian American/Pacific Islanders, 23.5% of African Americans, 23.7% of White (Non-Hispanic), and 20.3% of Hispanics. Likewise, heart disease was the leading cause of death in Dallas County in 2017 and was attributed to 3,513 deaths; and


**WHEREAS**, The American Heart Association (AHA) through its science-based knowledge, is empowering people, communities and organizations to build a sustainable culture of health. To support the health impact goal of helping all Americans improve their cardiovascular health, the AHA encourages employers to create a healthy work environment and promote a healthy lifestyle for their employees; and

**WHEREAS**, Dallas County recently enacted the Nutrition and Procurement Policy which improves the nutritional quality of food sold or provided in vending machines. This helps reduce the impact of diet-related diseases, supports people in making healthy eating choices and will support a more productive, healthier workforce for the over 6,500 individuals employed by the County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court, with its focus on public health, does hereby recognize Heart Health Month and a Heart Healthy County. We wish Dallas County residents good heart health and prosperity in 2020.

**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

  
Clay Lewis Jenkins  
County Judge

  
Dr. Theresa M. Daniel  
Commissioner, District 1

  
J. J. Koch  
Commissioner, District 2

  
John Wiley Price  
Commissioner, District 3

  
Dr. Elba Garcia  
Commissioner, District 4